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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chairman, Critical  
Collection Problems Committee**

**SUBJECT : CCPC Collection Strategy for the  
Middle East**

Eloise,

Re your 9 January memorandum, I believe you should discuss again with George Carver the need for this project. We need to decide whether the USIB requirement continues as active given events of the past couple months, evaluation of the NIOs, etc. In any case, I do not envisage CCPC as the principal player in the KIQ's process and we need to determine how George Carver wants to approach the process generally. I am, therefore, returning your memorandum rather than providing it to Bill Colby.

**SIGNED**

Daniel O. Graham  
Major General, USA  
D/DCI/IC

**Attachment: as stated**

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**cc: Mr. Carver**

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CRITICAL COLLECTION PROBLEMS COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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9 January 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CCPC Collection Strategy for the Middle East

1. You will recall that when the USIB approved the CCPC Study on the Middle East, the Committee was charged with developing an intelligence community strategy for all-source collection against the identified intelligence gaps. The Committee was also directed to prepare a study on the Persian Gulf States similar to that prepared on the Middle East. During the early fall, the Persian Gulf study was drafted, information needs on the Middle East were revised and on the Persian Gulf were developed, and a projected collection strategy outlined. However, because of the rapidly deteriorating situation in the Middle East, the outbreak of hostilities, and the initiation and conduct of several Middle East post-mortems, it appeared inadvisable to complete the study during this period. Now, though, a collection study on the area would fulfill a useful purpose, particularly in light of the development of the Key Intelligence Questions. The Committee has, therefore, decided to alter its approach and to develop an entirely new study.

2. We intend to build the study around the Key Intelligence Questions applicable to the area. We shall develop whatever elaboration may be required of the KIJs, determine the assets and collectors currently targeted against these identified needs, evaluate their performance, identify shortfalls and gaps, determine what resources could best cover these gaps, and, finally, what actions should be taken to place our intelligence resources in the best possible array to achieve our intelligence objectives.

3. This has been coordinated with D/DCI/IC and with the NIO for the Middle East and Islamic Affairs.

4. Your approval of the change in approach to the study and any other direction which you may have for the Committee are requested.

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Eloise R. Page  
Acting Chairman

Critical Collection Problems Committee

APPROVE:

William E. Colby

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